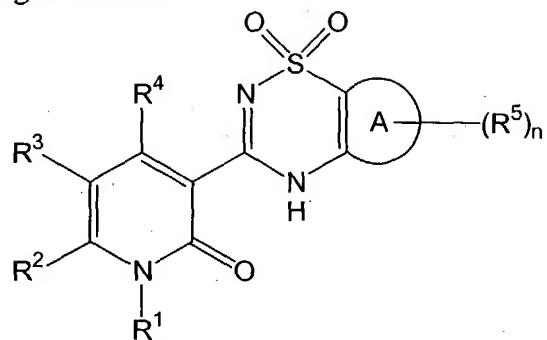


Abstract

Compounds having the formula



5 are hepatitis C (HCV) polymerase inhibitors. Also disclosed are a composition and method for inhibiting hepatitis C (HCV) polymerase, processes for making the compounds, and synthetic intermediates employed in the processes.